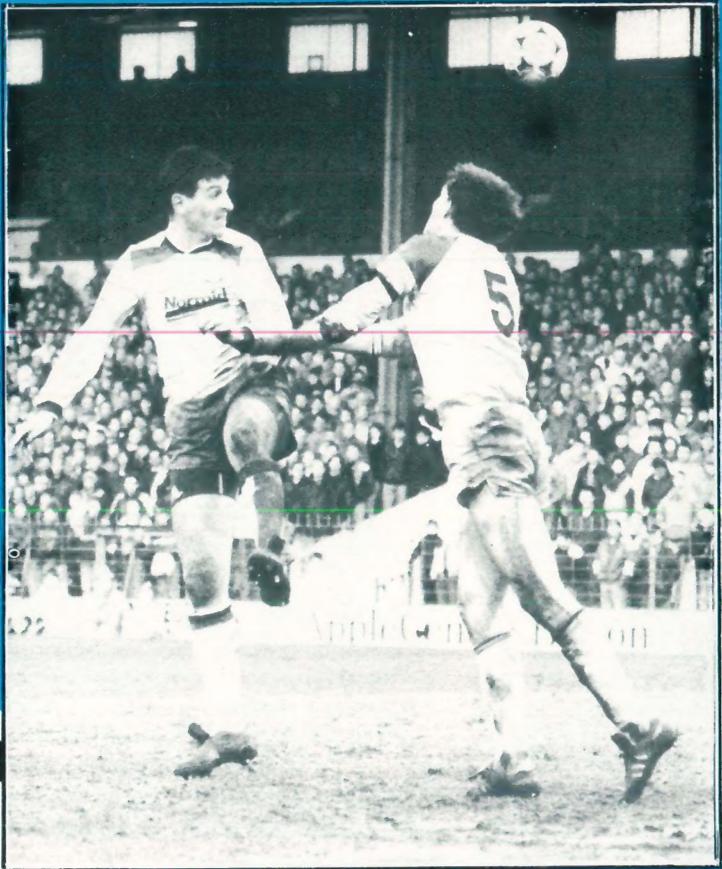




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# Notes from the boss.....

TODAY sees us embark on the first of four home games during the course of the month and the chance to put things right on the pitch. Recent results have been very disappointing but we have to all pull together and work our way through the situation. The frustrations of the fans has affected the lads and it's never easy when the goals are not flowing but with a little patience and a goal or two we can turn the corner.

Last week it was encouraging to see the Youth team doing so well in their 3-0 victory over Oldham. The young lads worked well together as a unit and typical good finishing by Mick Jeffreys resulted in a hat-trick for the youngster. That result puts them in the semi-final of the L.F.A. Trophy and pairs us against Manchester City here at Burnden in what should be a good test in the quest to retain the trophy for a third year.

The Reserves have also been doing well in the Central League, topping the Second Division for a number of weeks until being nudged off by Hull recently. But progress has steadily been maintained this season

and promotion to Division One next season would be a just reward if performances can be kept to the standard already shown this season.

Looking forward to the Sherpa Van quarter-final tie against Wrexham a week on Tuesday, it gives us the ideal opportunity to reach the last four of the Northern section and a step nearer to reaching Wembley. Having already tasted that three years ago nobody can say that the Sherpa Van Trophy hasn't been a total success and is now a very important part of the football season. We had some memorable games against Wrexham last season and a Dixie McNeil side can always be counted on to provide attractive opposition.

On closing I would just like to give a warm welcome to today's visitors Swansea, and in particular Tommy Hutchinson who is such a credit to the game. Having faced him in First Division opposition I know full well of the problems he can give full-backs and it's great to still see him putting enjoyment and enthusiasm into the game into his forties. Well done Tommy!



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# Burnden Visitors



## SWANSEA CITY

Today's return fixture with Swansea gives us the ideal opportunity to put the record straight after that narrow defeat at the Vetch back in October. To say it rained hard that night was an understatement and perhaps in hindsight the game was fortunate to be completed but Robbie James got the only goal of the game and so 'City' picked up the points.

Since that time Swansea have had a tremendous run which has seen them in the top six of the table and ready for another assault on promotion via the play-offs, a feat that they achieved last season when qualifying in sixth place in Division four, when they went on to secure the final spot in the promoted line-up.

Terry Yorath has combined well youth and experience with the ever green Tommy Hutchinson and the highly respected Welsh International Robbie James leading a fine example to the younger Swansea players. Their home form has been sound with only a early season defeat against leaders Wolves counting against them. On their travels they had good early season victories against Gillingham (3-2), Southend (2-0), Wigan (2-1) and Aldershot (1-0), while sharing the spoils at Blackpool (0-0) and Huddersfield (1-1).

### PEN PICTURES

**STEVE THORNBERRY:** Signed from Halifax Town during the summer. Born Dewsbury.

**BRYAN WADE:** Signed from Swindon during the summer.

**DAVID D'AURIA:** A local midfield lad who has progressed through the Junior ranks. Made his Barclays League debut as a substitute against Hartlepool early last season and is now starting to justify a regular place in the team.

**ANDREW MELVILLE:** Swansea born. Just 20 years of age he made his debut in 1985 and played 42 games in his second season in the league - defender.

**CHRIS COLEMAN:** Swansea born. 18 years of age. Named young player of the region three times during 1987/88. He was an apprentice with Manchester City.

**ALAN KNILL:** Signed from Halifax Town for £15,000 early last season. Born in Slough, a commanding Centre half standing 6ft. 4ins. he has gained six Welsh under-23 Caps.

**TOMMY HUTCHISON:** At forty one the holder of the club record as the oldest player in the League. Missed most of last season due to injury but came back in time to play a key part in the play-off games. A fine ball player Capped 17 times for Scotland and vastly experienced.

# Burnden Visitors

**ALAN DAVIES:** Midfield player, a Welsh international, played for Manchester United and Newcastle; he was recalled to the Welsh Squad in June 1988.

**PETER BODAK:** Signed from Crewe on transfer deadline day last season. Was a Coventry apprentice then had experience with both Manchester clubs, moving on to Antwerp before returning to England with Crewe.

**ROBBIE JAMES:** Club Captain. Has made more than 400 appearances for the Swans. Swansea born, he returned to the Vetch last season from Leicester and has also worn the colours of Stoke and Q.P.R. A Welsh International, he is a powerful midfielder.

**IAN LOVE:** Born in Cardiff and a late entrant to League soccer. He made his debut in August 1986 at the age of 28 and broke his leg the following December in a match against Cardiff City. He showed tremendous spirit in battling his way back to fitness. Typically he scored on his 'come-back', January 1988.

**DAVID HOUGH:** Has represented the Welsh Youth side even though he was born in Crewe. Still only 22. He missed much of last season through injury. A versatile player prior to his injury was making an impression at right back.



**Back Row left to right:** Ron Walton, Joe Allon, David Hough, Ian Love, Andrew Melville, Lee Jones, Alan Knill, Chris Coleman, Dudley Lewis, David Dauria, Ken Davey (Physio).

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# MATCH REPORT



## THE THIRD DIMENSION

The 'big match' between leaders Wolves and second placed Port Vale attracted a marvellous 16,362 spectators to Vale Park last weekend. The leaders adopted an attacking approach but Steve Bull and Co. failed to produce that familiar killer instinct and settled for a 0-0 draw. Three consecutive wins by neighbours Bury sees them now occupying third spot, although they have played more games than others in the leading pack.

Bolton's trip to Bramhall Lane proved fruitless, in the end, going down 4-0 to Dave Beasant's Sheffield. Some dour first half defending had blunted the 'Blades' attack, but when Tony Agena struck just after the interval Bolton's backs were to the wall. Winger Peter Barnes showed his displeasure at being substituted, and his actions led to his contract being cancelled by the Club.

It wasn't a very enjoyable weekend for Mansfield manager Ian Greaves. After seeing his team go down 2-1 at Notts. County he became the latest casualty on the managers' round-about.

That man Gilligan struck again for Cardiff at Bristol Rovers. His single goal gathering the points and hampering Rovers progress in the top six.

## AROUND ONE AND TWO

Over 40,000 spectators turned up at Highbury for the London 'derby' between Arsenal and West Ham. The 'Hammers' had previously beaten Arsenal in the Littlewoods Cup but goals by Groves and Smith kept the leaders on the Championship trail running out eventual 2-1 winners. Second placed Norwich continued their successful run with a 2-1

away win at Charlton. Brian Clough's Notts. Forest continued their challenge with a 3-2 win at Luton. Remember, Forest are also chasing three Cups as well.

Controversy marred the Everton-Wimbledon encounter at Goodison Park when tough guy Vinny Jones was sent for an early bath following an alleged butt on Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe. The Toffees have failed to produce the kind of form for which they are renowned and had to be content with a share of the spoils here, drawing 1-1.

I.T.V.'s 'Match' featured Manchester United and Tottenham at Old Trafford. A single Brian McClair tap in from a Gordon Strachan centre was enough to clinch the points for 'Fergies' Men.

In DIVISION TWO, Chelsea ran riot away to struggling Walsall, Gordon Durie netting four of his sides seven goals without a single reply. Second placed Manchester City scored a good 1-0 victory at Portsmouth and Blackburn, who have got into the habit of coming from behind recently did so again at home to Bradford City and kept up their promotion challenge with a 2-1 win.

## Sheffield Utd 4 v Bolton 0

Birthday boy Peter Duffield celebrated at the double, blasting in two penalties as Sheffield United rediscovered their high score touch.

Bolton's Winstanley, added to that when he scored an own goal after stabbing in Alan Roberts' cross as he tried to clear.

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Dear Sir,

I just want to put pen to paper to say a little thank you to the Bolton supporters who came to Deepdale for the Sherpa Van trophy game. As you were aware the P.N.E. decided on a minutes silence prior to the kick-off as a

tribute to the sad loss of Mick Baxter. Well Phil they the Bolton supporters were magnificent, you could hear a pin drop. It goes to show not all people are mindless morons. They were magnificent ambassadors to Bolton Wanderers football club. Once again I hope you will let it be known how much us Preston fans really appreciated it.

Good Luck lads for the future. I'm sure your welcome at Deepdale with your people any time. Thanks again.

Yours etc.,  
Brian Lockley  
(Ribbleton, Preston)

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Sherpa Van Trophy game at Deepdale on 12.1.89., Bolton Wanderers versus P.N.E. I find much pleasure in writing to you to acknowledge the excellent attitude of the Bolton supporters during the one minutes silence held as a mark of respect to the late Mick Baxter, North End Community Liaison Officer.

Considering your fans had no doubt little knowledge of the background to Mick's connections it was very gratifying, to say the least, that such considerate respect was shown - one could have heard the proverbial pin drop. This was dignity at its finest shown by five and a half thousand spectators.

I am aware of the mounting criticism of football supporters in general and I was only sorry that many of the critics should not have been present to witness the better side of football spectator behaviour.

As the public address system announcer at Deepdale, I thank the Bolton supporters, and would like to wish your team every success in the Sherpa Van Trophy competition - thus enabling them to show off their excellent attributes at Wembley!

Yours faithfully,  
Bernard J. Ibson  
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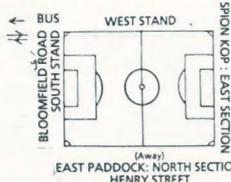
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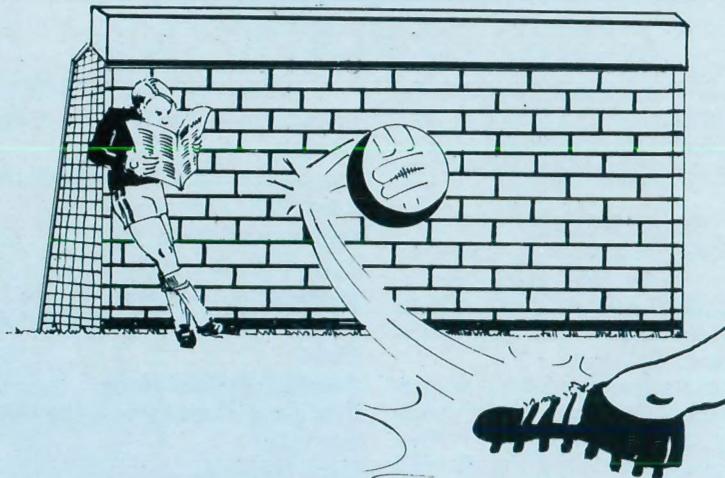
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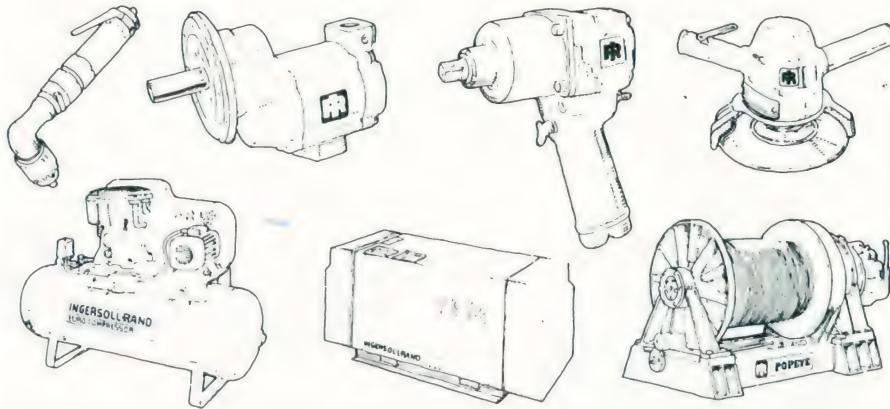
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The Yorkshire side took the lead in the 20th minute when a Gerry Forrest free kick was headed down by John Dungworth and Mike Trusson followed up Foster's fingertip save to force the ball home. In the 38th minute the Wanderers equalized when substitute Simon Rudge drove home a loose ball.

14th February, 1984.

Both John Thomas and Dave Felgate returned to Burnden with Lincoln City and helped them to end Bolton's four month unbeaten home run with a 2-0 win. Gordon Hobson opened the scoring in the 14th minute and John Thomas pounced ten minutes from time to secure the points.

10 YEARS AGO: 10th February, 1979.

The Wanderers' home game with Liverpool was a casualty of the bad weather, with a layer of frost and snow covering the Burnden pitch.

15 YEARS AGO: 16th February, 1974.

Bolton floored fellow relegation strugglers Sheffield Wednesday with a four goal first half flurry. Man of the match Peter Nicholson had a hand in three of the goals as he revelled in the midfield mud. Full back John Ritson fired Bolton in front in only the first minute with a powerful shot from 20 yards. The Wanderers then hit three goals in a seven minute spell. The goal rush started in the 34th minute when John Byrom headed a Peter Thompson corner. Three minutes later the tireless Nicholson set up Garry Jones whose shot gave Bobby Ferguson no chance. Then Nicholson again romped through the middle to feed Byrom for his second goal. Wednesday fought back with a goal from Brian Joicey on the hour and four minutes from time John Ritson put through his own goal.

100 YEARS AGO: 9th February, 1889.

The Wanderers went down 2-1 in a friendly at Burnley. It was a weakened team that represented Bolton who had four members representing Lancashire. Committee member Mr. Braithwaite was pressed into service to make up the eleven.

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**RIGHT ABOVE:** Gary Henshaw beats the dive of Reading keeper Gary Phillips to score Bolton's goal.

**RIGHT BELOW:** Glen Keeley heads wide of the Reading goal.



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# RESERVE AND YOUTH NEWS

18th January, 1989.

**York City Res.** ..... 2  
**Bolon Wanderers Res.** ... 3

Bolton reserves kept up their unbeaten away record and extended their overall run of unbeaten games to 15 with a 3-2 win over York City at Bootham Crescent.

Former Wanderers players Alan Hay and Phil Wilson appeared for City who fell behind in the 13th minute when Mike Jeffrey converted a cross from Stuart Storer.

Storer in fact caused a number of problems for the home defence with his pace continually catching them out.

In the 24th minute Jason Heaford equalised for York but it was the Wanderers who finished the half stronger with Rob Savage twice going close.

John Thomas restored Bolton's lead nine minutes into the second half but the goal of the game came in the 68th minute. Mike Jeffrey collected the ball on the left hand side before moving in to curl the ball from twenty yards into the top corner of the net.

Heaford reduced the arrears and it needed a good save from Gareth Gray to secure victory late in the proceedings.

**Team:** Gray, Brown, O'Brien, Neal, Crombie, Storer, Savage, Thomas, Jeffrey, Barnes. Subs: Callaghan for Storer, Oliver.

25th January, 1989.

**Bolon Wanderers Res.** ... 1  
**Stoke City Res.** ..... 1

The Wanderers got out of jail to continue their unbeaten run with a goal from Ian Stevens eight minutes from time.

A scrambled goal by Darren Boughey from a right wing corner gave Stoke a 19th minute lead and the Wanderers never really tested the visitors defence.

It was Peter Barnes who rescued the game with a scintillating final nine minutes. Firstly he saw a shot desperately cleared off the line and then his far post cross found Ian Stevens who headed home the equalizer. He then set up Stevens again but his shot was blocked by City keeper Scott Barrett for his only real save of the evening.

**Team:** Gray, Brown, O'Brien, Spooner, Neal, Crombie, Callaghan, Savage, Thomas, Jeffrey, Barnes. Subs: Stevens for Callaghan, Oliver.

## CENTRAL LEAGUE-DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Plt
Hull City	19	14	1	4	48	27	43
Bolton Wander.	19	12	5	2	47	24	41
Notts. County	21	11	6	4	47	31	39
Bradford City	18	11	4	3	50	30	37
Middlesbrough	17	10	2	5	40	23	32
Oldham Athletic	17	9	3	5	32	26	30
Stoke City	20	8	6	6	30	27	30
York City	22	8	5	9	37	33	29
Mansfield T.	19	5	9	5	33	29	24
Port Vale	21	7	3	11	31	34	24
Blackpool	18	7	3	8	35	43	24
Rotherham Utd	19	6	4	9	34	42	22
Grimsby T.	21	6	4	11	28	41	22
Preston N.E.	17	6	2	9	32	33	20
Darlington	20	5	5	10	26	38	20
Wigan Ath.	20	4	7	9	21	35	19
Scunthorpe Utd.	19	4	4	11	22	39	16
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# SAFE HANS

Well, the Youth team put in another tremendous performance in last week's Quarter Final tie against Oldham down here at Burnden in their quest to defend the Lancashire Football Association Trophy which they have won for the past two seasons. Mick Jeffrey was the goalscoring hero with a hat-trick in the 3-0 victory but overall Steve Carroll, the Wanderers Youth coach, must have been well satisfied with the overall team which battled well all through the game.

The lads have been rewarded with another home tie in the Semi-finals with the exciting pairing of Manchester City which should ensure another bumper crowd to encourage the Juniors. The date for this game should be announced shortly but it is certainly a game not to be missed, especially as the lads are striving for that remarkable hat-trick of wins in the competition.

On changing the subject onto the current highly topical membership scheme on which the Government seem intent on forcing onto clubs next year, without too much concern about the serious side affects which could force clubs into very serious financial pressures as well as causing supporters

inconvenience. It just seems, in a time when since season 1985/86, that football has attracted an increase in average attendances of 10.9%, around 2 million more supporters who have been attracted to watch the game, that with hindsight could cut attendances drastically and put the game back years, in a quest to put what they think is right to the long standing problem of football hooliganism.

Nobody will argue with the fact that hooliganism is a problem but most clubs have spent large amounts of money on good segregation in grounds and with good relations with the local police authorities have corporated in stamping out this problem and bringing the culprits to justice in what in quite a few cases has been organized crime and not just high spirits overspilling into fighting.

The questions and arguments surrounding this controversial Football Membership bill seem set to go on for quite a while yet and rightly so, because the future of football is currently floating in the air, just like an inflatable banana and the next step by Colin Moynihan and his supporters could be all important to the continued growth of football as a spectator sport.

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# SIMON MARLAND

## RECOLLECTIONS

The Wanderers will today be looking to end a sequence of nine League games without success against Swansea City.

It was at the Vetch Field in April 1973 that Bolton last secured a League win over the Welshmen with 17 years old debutant Neil Whatmore hitting two goals in a 3-2 scoreline.

That remains as Bolton's only victory at Swansea and they too can only claim a single success on their visits to Burnden. In a Second Division game in September 1980 they ran out 4-1 winners with goals from Leighton James, Alan Waddle (2) and Neil Robinson before Neil Whatmore bagged a consolation goal.

The clubs first met in the League in December 1933 when the Wanderers won a Second Division encounter 2-1 at Burnden. The following April a 0-0 draw resulted in the return game and this ranks as Bolton's only clean sheet on their visits to Vetch field.

The following season each club won their respective home game, as Bolton won promotion back to Division One and it was thirty years before another meeting. Once again each side tasted home success but Swansea fell into Division Three

in 1965.

It was in 1971/72 that the clubs first met in the Third Division with a scoreless draw resulting at Burnden and the Swans winning 3-2 in South Wales.

Bolton completed the double in 1972/73 and Swansea did likewise in 1980/81 as promotions went on to be won by both clubs.

The recent meetings have followed a definite pattern with Swansea winning at home and drawing at Burnden. Last season Steve Thompson earned the Wanderers a point with a dramatic injury time equalizer when he struck a curling 25 yard free kick into the corner of the net after Joe Allon had given the Swans a 16th minute lead.

Earlier this season a goal from Robbie James gave Swansea victory in a game that became a farce due to the flooding of the pitch during a torrential rainstorm.

Our League record against Swansea is as follows:

	PI	W	D	L	F	A
Home	9	4	4	1	11	8
Away	10	1	1	8	8	19
Total	19	5	5	9	19	27



Picture shows Steve Thompson scoring in last season's 1-1 draw at Burnden.

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# NATS DIARY

## A REVIEW OF NATS INTERNATIONAL CAREER

ENGLAND 3 v IRELAND 1  
11th November, 1953.

No. 19

Two strange goals, one to each side and then two wonderful headers by Hassall and Lofthouse left England victors over Ireland by three goals to one at Goodison Park.

The result put England on top of the International Championship and also gave them one of the two places awarded to the British Isles in the final stages of the World Cup in Switzerland.

England made it 11 goals in three matches but quality was still lacking. Not even the gift of a goal within the first 30 seconds of the afternoon - when Smyth allowed a cross shot from Hassall to slither under his body and over the Irish line - could inspire a performance of real class.

By that single goal, England led precariously at half time, for a shot by McIlroy had skidded past an open goal whilst McMorran twice went clear through only to be denied by point blank saves from Merrick.

Irish keeper Smyth retrieved his distressing start by similarly parrying an apparently certain goal at close range from Hassall just before half time, but England were behind 'on points'.

When McMorran headed Ireland level from Bingham's centre nine minutes after half time there was again something fortuitous about the goal, for the ball ricoched into the net off the diving body of Merrick.

Half an hour from time Matthews, with superb jugglery, found Wright with a square pass, and there was Hassall suddenly darting in to head into the top corner. A great goal and a great header from 15 yards.

A quarter of an hour later Mullen's long centre was headed home like a bullet by Lofthouse to make it 3-1 but that was the end of the centre forward. Already limping he was now carried off with a damaged head. A moment later he was followed into the dressing room by Smyth suffering from a broken nose and now relieved of his yellow jersey by Dickson.

### TEAMS:

**England:** Merrick (Birmingham), Rickaby (West Brom.), Eckersley (Blackburn), Wright (Wolves), Johnston (Blackpool), Dickinson (Portsmouth), Matthews (Blackpool), Quixall (Sheffield Wed.), Lofthouse (Bolton), Hassall (Bolton), Mullen (Wolves).

**Ireland:** Smyth (Distillery), Graham (Doncaster Rov.), McMichael (Newcastle), Blanchflower (Aston Villa), Dickson (Arsenal), Cush (Glentoran), Bingham (Sunderland), McIlroy (Burnley), Simpson (Glasgow Rangers), McMorran (Doncaster Rov.) Lockhart (Aston Villa).

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW



## PAUL FLETCHER

Ex Bolton & Burnley

Paul joined Bolton in football's mini boom. England had won the World Cup in 1966 and attendances were on the increase. This former Smithills Grammar School pupil had represented his town and county and joined the Burnden groundstaff as an outside right initially.

In the early days he nearly left the game. He recalled, "Bolton manager, Bill Riddings told me to find another job when I was 17. Then two weeks later the manager was sacked and Nat Lofthouse took over and he put me into the first team. I scored on my debut at Crystal Palace and went on to play a further 16 years." Paul owes so much to Nat. He continued, "It was he who converted me to centre forward and he spent months with me on the Bromwich Street training ground teaching me how to head a ball."

Bill Shankly once complimented Paul's heading ability but added that he'd never play for Liverpool because the ball never leaves the floor.

Paul Fletcher nearly joined Everton when Harry Catterick bid £32,000. "I failed the medical," Paul explained, "when they told me I had a heart disease. We kept the news quiet and Bolton sent me for extensive tests which proved negative, but I was upset and struggled to get my form back."

When his true form did return Burnley paid £66,000 for his services and Paul completed a further 350 appearances at Turf Moor, picking up 4 England U-23 caps along the way. He said, "I received a call up to the full international team but I



was touring the Caribbean with my Club."

Paul had 10 fabulous years at Burnley before moving onto Blackpool where he quietly retired from the game through injury.

He tried various businesses and now Paul is Marketing Manager at Mini Prints, a Ribchester based company and lives in the Rossendale Valley area. Being in the photography reproduction business Paul recently produced an old framed photo of Nat and submitted it as a prize at one of the Jubilee Year functions. Paul said, "I owe so much to the man and hope I can repay him in this testimonial year."

Three years ago Paul broke onto the Sportsman's Dinner circuit and he's some nice tales to tell. He said, "I put my own script together and tell football stories. I think it nice to give thanks to the likes of Nat, Bill Shankly and Jimmy Adamson.

Nowadays he watches football rarely. "If I get invited to a game, I go along but I could never watch from the Stands having once been involved," he concluded.

# Personality Profile.

## **BILL LONGDEN** *Manager of Burnden Sports Centre*

The Burnden Sports Centre which is situated behind the Burnden Stand has now been open two years and the man who controls the Centre is Bill Longden, who along with Marcus Brown and Arthur Sandiford, are responsible for the day to day running of it.

The Sports Centre consists of a Professional Sporturf all-weather training area (Astro Turf) which is suitable for seven-a-side football, small sided hockey, netball, rounders and fitness training. Inside the small sports hall, badminton, netball, volleyball and fitness training can all be played and upstairs there is a small but compact multi gym/free weights.

Over the last two years Bill has developed close links with the local authority and the Centre is now widely used by the Youth Service, Children's Homes, Schools, Probation Service and the Wanderers own Junior Whites, as well of course as the general public.

Bill has been involved in sport for many years and spent 8 years in one of the biggest sports centres in the country, the William Thompson

Recreation Centre which is situated in Burnley. Before that he had spent 9 years in the Army, attaining the rank of sergeant and represented his unit in football, basketball, cricket, athletics and boxing.

The emergence of the Thursday night and Sunday morning seven-a-side Leagues has been an important factor in the success of the Centre and Bill has gone a long way in creating a successful set-up with this idea.

The Centre is also widely used by the playing staff down here at Burnden, whether it is just training on the Astro-Turf or trying to regain full-fitness in the gym.

Burnden Road Runners are also based in the Centre and meet every Monday from 7 p.m. onwards. Bill mentions that new members are always welcome and anybody interested in joining should contact him on ☎ 381010 for further details.

In its two years since opening, the Centre has been a tremendous asset to the already good facilities down here at Burnden and looks set to thrive for many years to come.

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### AUGUST

27	Southend Utd.	A	02	4,075
30	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	H	10	3,535

### SEPTEMBER

3	Cardiff City	H	4-0	4,831
6	Litt. Cup 1, Chester	A	1-3	3,784
10	Reading	A	1-1	4,660
17	Bristol Rovers	H	1-1	4,821
20	Fulham (Tues)	H	3-2	4,289
24	Aldershot	A	3-0	2,127

### OCTOBER

1	Sheffield	H	20	9,345
4	Swansea City (Tues)	A	01	3,283
8	Blackpool	H	22	7,106
15	Port Vale	A	12	7,985
22	Wolverhampton W.	H	12	8,174
25	Wigan Ath. (Tues)	A	11	4,438
29	Chesterfield	H	50	4,783

### NOVEMBER

5	Bristol City	A	1-1	8,808
8	Huddersfield T. (Tues)	A	10	7,802
12	Bury	H	24	7,887
19	Chesterfield (FA Cup/1st)	H	00	4,840
26	Northampton T.	H	21	4,446
28	Chesterfield (FA Cup replay)	A	3-2	4,168

### DECEMBER

3	Brentford	A	03	4,600
6	Preston N.E. (Tue.)	H	10	2,695
10	Port Vale (FA Cup/2nd)	H	12	7,499
17	Chester City	H	01	4,318
20	Bury (Sherpa Van Try)(Tue)	A	01	2,023
26	Preston N.E. (Mon)	A	13	12,124
31	Notts County	A	02	5,096

### JANUARY 1989

2	Mansfield T. (Mon)	H	00	4,936
6	Gillingham (F.A.3)(Fri.)	H	21	4,178
14	Cardiff City	A	01	4,212
17	Preston NE (Sherpa Van)(Tue)	A	10	5,569
21	Reading	H	11	5,172
28	Bristol Rovers (F.A.4)	A	02	5,311

### FEBRUARY

4	Sheffield Utd.	A	04	11,162
11	Swansea City	H		
18	Blackpool (F.A.5)	A		
21	Wrexham (SVT Q/F)(Tue)	H		
25	Port Vale	H		
28	Wigan Ath. (Tues.)	H		

### MARCH

4	Wolverhampton W.	A		
11	Bristol City	H		
14	Chesterfield (Tues)	A		
18	Southend (F.A.6)	H		
25	Mansfield T.	A		
27	Preston N.E. (Mon)	H		

### APRIL

1	Chester City	A		
4	Gillingham (Tues)	A		
8	Notts County	H		
15	Fulham (FA.SF)	A		
18	Northampton (Tues)	A		
22	Aldershot	H		
29	Bury	A		

### MAY

1	Huddersfield (Mon)	H		
6	Brentford	H		
20	F.A. Cup Final	H		

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## TODAY'S MASCOT IS

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3. BARRY COWDRILL
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6. MARK WINSTANLEY
7. GARY HENSHAW
8. STEVE THOMPSON
9. TREVOR MORGAN
10. JOHN THOMAS
11. JULIAN DARBY
12. IAN STEVENS
14. DEAN CROMBIE

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LINESMEN: A. J. HILL  
J. A. HOPE

## SWANSEA CITY ALL RED

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